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I fully support the proposed settlement of the Microsoft suit.

Frankly, as a consumer of computer software for 20 years, I have welcomed Microsoft's role in establishing standards for the industry and providing software products that work at prices that have been very reasonable. I do not feel that I have been harmed or damaged in any way by the way Microsoft has conducted its business.

In the early days of home computing, much of the software was shareware that was written and distributed by individuals or small companies. In most cases these programs could not be integrated with other computer applications. As a result, it was necessary to leave one program before entering another. Because of the absence of any standards, data often had to be entered multiple times to feed the various software applications.

If the industry had remained in this condition, home computing would never have grown and developed into the major industry it is today. Thus, in my view, Microsoft's role has been far more beneficial than harmful.

I believe it is vitally important to the computing industry and to the U. S. economy as a whole to bring this suit to a conclusion.

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